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SUBJECT: EXEC COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER STEPS IN IUOTO TRANSFORMATION TO WTO

REF: A. GENEVA 6772; B. GENEVA 6771; C) GENEVA 6409

1. INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORGANIZATIONS (IUOTO) WILL HOLD ITS 99TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN PANAMA CITY DEC 9-14 TO CONSIDER INTER ALIA STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO TRANSFORM ORGANIZATION FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL IUOTO TO INTER-GOVERNMENTAL WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO). LATTER OFFICIALLY CAME INTO BEING ON NON 1 1974, WITH 59 COUNTIES AS INITIAL MEMBERS. POTENTIALLY ALL IUOTO MEMBERS, WHO NUMBER 115, ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN NEW WTO.

2. EXEC COMMITTEE WILL DEVOTE TWO AND ONE HALF DAYS OF BUSINESS SESSIONS (DEC 10-13) TO ITS 16 POINT AGENDA (SEE REF A); DEC 9 AND 14 WILL BE DEVOTED TO CEREMONIES, VISITS AND OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

3. MAIN WORKING DOCUMENTS (NUMBERS 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 AND 13) OF 99TH SESSION MAILED TO GRIP, IO/TRC, AND US TRAVEL SERVICE (WASHBURN AND PARKER) BY IUOTO SECRETARIAT ON NOV 7, 1974.

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4. UNDER HEADING "ADOPTION OF IUOTO TO ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE

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RESPONSIBILITIES", IUOTO EXEC COMMITTEE WILL HAVE BEFORE IT SIX
DOCUMENTS ALL NUMBERED 8 WITH SUB-LETTERS AS FOLLOWS:
A. PROGRESS REPORT ON WORK OF WORKING PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WTO (REPORT WITH TWO ANNEXES, ONE INCLUDING
FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND OTHER FIRST BUDGET OF WTO); (B) ENTRY INTO
FORCE OF WTO STATUTES ON 1 NOVEMBER 1974 AND TRANSFER OF IUOTO'S
RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO WTO; AND (C) IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE
44 OF WTO STATUTES (WHICH READS "WHEN PRESENT STATUTES COME INTO
FORCE, THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF IUOTO SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO
THE ORGANIZATION.")

5. DRAFT PROGRAM BUDGET OF NEW WTO CONTAINED IN ANNEX II OF DOC 8
(A) OF IUOTO EXEC COM SERIES CALLS FOR EXPENDITURE OF 2,297,575
SWISS FFRANCES EACH OF FIRST TWO YEARS OF WTO'S FIRST BIENNIUM
(1976-1977). THIS IS TO BE COMPARED WITH BUDGET OF 2,767,600
SWISS FRANCES, PLUS 10 PERCENT ADDITIONAL FOR INFLATION FACTOR, OR IN
VICINITY OF 3,000,000 SWISS FRANCS, SUBMITTED TO WORKING GROUP
MEETING OCT 14-16 FOR CONSIDERATION (SEE REF C). COMMENT: IT
APPARENT SYG LONATI AT LEAST PARTIALLY HEEDED WARNINGS GIVEN HIM
AT WG MEETING BY US, UK, FRENCH, SOVIET REPS THAT HIS BUDGET
TOO HIGH.

6. THIS TEL WILL SERVE IN LIEU OF AIRGRAM PROMISED PARA 2
REF C UNLESS DEPT WISHES MORE DETAILED REPORT OF WG MEETING
OF OCTOBER 14-16.DALE

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